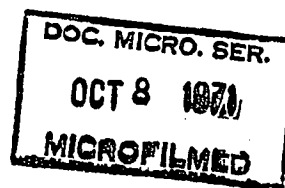


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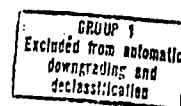


1. FOLLOWING HAS BEEN ABSTRACTED FROM MOST RECENT INSTALLMENTS OF GENERAL G E H L E N'S MEMOIRS SERIALIZED IN "DIE WELT" XW AND 4 OCTOBER/, AS BEING OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO ADDRESSEES. AS IN PAST, GEHLEN'S CONTRIBUTIONS ARE RATHER WEAK AND LACK "SPICE" INHERENT IN MATERIAL, HOWEVER, "DIE WELT" JOURNALIST RUDOLF S T R A U C H HAS ADDED COMMENTS "EXPLAINING" MORE EXPLICITLY THAN THE GENERAL WAS ABLE WHAT GEHLEN REALLY MEANT TO SAY.

2. UNDER HEADLINES "CIA IS BETTER OFF THAN THE BND", AND "EHMKE RULES WITHOUT PARLIAMENTARY CONTROL", STRAUCH ENLARGES GEHLEN'S ATTACK ON CURRENT PUBLIC RELATIONS BINGE AND TREND TOWARDS "IMAGE CULTIVATION" /IMAGEPFLEGE/ AND "TRANSPARENTIZATION" OF BND. STRAUCH QUOTES GEHLEN AS STATING THAT TOO MUCH EXPLAINING AND DESCRIBING OF ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS ONLY TEND TO AID ENEMY AND ARE DISSERVICE TO ANY INTELLIGENCE SECURITY ORGANIZATION. THE VERTRAUENSMAENNERGREMIIUM /PARLIAMENTARY CONTROL COMMITTEE/ ONLY PLAYS A PASSIVE, INFORMATION-RECEIVING ROLE. MORE ACTIVE COORDINATING ROLE IS PLAYED BY "STAATISSEKRETAERSAUSSCHUSS" /X/ TO WHICH STATE SECRETARIES FROM

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MINISTRIES OF INTERIOR AND DEFENSE AS WELL AS EHMKE BELONG/. STRAUCH QUOTES MEMBERS OF ALL PARTIES DEMANDING REFORM AND NONPOLITICAL CONTROL OF BND, WITH SUCH CONTROL BEING FIRMLY IN HANDS OF PARLIAMENTARIANS. IT IS POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT IN ANY ATTEMPTS TO WORK OUT A MORE "PARTY-LESS" CONTROL MECHANISM FOR BND, STRONG RESISTANCE FROM FEDERAL CHANCELLERY IS TO BE EXPECTED. EVEN FDP IS "CAREFULLY CRITICAL" OF POLITICAL CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN PULLACH. IN CONTRAST TO ANGLO-SAXONS /MEANING BRITISH AND AMERICANS/, WHO LONG AGO RECOGNIZED THAT A HIGHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL -- BE HE EVER SO BRILLIANT AND COMPETENT -- SIMPLY CANNOT STEP INTO A MIDDLE OR HIGHER LEVEL POSITION IN AN INTELLIGENCE/SECURITY SERVICE WITHOUT HAVING HAD SOME EXPERIENCE IN THAT FIELD, GERMANS HAVE YET TO RECOGNIZE THIS FACT OF LIFE.

3. ONE OF MAIN TARGETS IN THIS DISCUSSION IS MINISTER EHMKE. "DIE WELT", JJTO ALLOW MINISTER IN ALL FAIRNESS TO ANSWER ANY ATTACKS" AND "FOR SAKE OF COMPLETE INFORMATION", OFFERED TO INTERVIEW HIM, BUT HE REFUSED. THEY ALSO PRESENTED CERTAIN QUESTIONS IN WRITING, ONLY TO RECEIVE LETTER FROM FEDERAL CHANCELLERY DECLINING ANY ANSWERS ON THE GROUNDS. QUESTIONS WERE "RENEWED ATTACK ON BND AND ITS WORK". ONE PERSON MUCH QUOTED BY STRAUCH IS CDU VERTRAUENSMAENNERGREMIIUM MEMBER FRITZ B A I E R, WHO BLASTS EHMKE FOR THE CURRENT POLITIZATION OF BND. TRIUMVIRATE OF WEHNER-BAHR-NOLLAU RULES BND, AND EHMKE IS MANAGER" SAYS BAIER. HE ALSO STATES THAT "GEHLEN WOULD NEVER HAVE STOOD STILL FOR WHAT W E S S E L HAS", AND RENEWS, ALLEGEDLY ON BEHALF OF COLLEAGUES FROM ALL PARTIES, CALL FOR A REFORM OF CONTROL MECHANISM FOR BND.

4. SPRINKLED THROUGHOUT GEHLEN ARTICLES AND "DIE WELT" GLOSSES ARE FAVORABLE COMMENTS RE U.S. CIA AS BEING EXAMPLE OF

HOW AN INTELLIGENCE AGENCY CAN BE ORGANIZED SO AS TO FUNCTION
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